

SENATE RESOLUTION 124  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Christine Farmer of Knoxville upon being named Tennessee's Top Middle Level Youth Volunteer for 2004 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Miss Christine Farmer, an esteemed resident of Knoxville and a seventh grader at Cedar Bluff Middle School, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award's Ninth Annual Nationwide Program, recognizing young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary volunteer service, Christine was recognized as the 2004 Top Middle Level Youth Volunteer in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and honoring young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Christine Farmer won this recognition by founding and leading a community service committee at her school that has undertaken a range of projects benefiting people in her city; and

WHEREAS, after making several presentations to obtain faculty and student council backing, Christine formed a school committee and began recruiting student volunteers; she then planned and implemented a variety of projects, often with the support of charitable organizations and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Christine and her committee of student volunteers have sent care packages to service men and women overseas, worked to beautify the school campus, hosted a "Grandparents' Day" at school, and planned a "Secret Santa" project for a foster care facility; and

WHEREAS, as a State Honoree, Christine Farmer will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., for her outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Christine Farmer epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Miss Farmer who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Christine Farmer on being recognized as Tennessee's Top Middle Level Youth Volunteer in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.